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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 15, 2005, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Office's attention the following information, which includes documents cited in a Supplementary Search Report dated March 14, 2007, issued in connection with corresponding European Application No. EP 03 73 6265.

N. ROBERTSON et al., "Subcellular Localisation, Secretion, and Post-Translational Processing of Normal Cochlin, and of Mutants Causing the Sensorineural Deafness and Vestibular Disorder, DFNA9", J. Med. Genet., Vol. 40 pp. 479-486 (2003);

WO 00/71081 A2, November 30, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,730,475 B1 (ROBERTSON et al.), issued May 4, 2004; Applicants note that this document is identified on esp@cenet as a U.S. family member of WO 00/71081 A2;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0004228 A1 (HOLLOWAY), published January 10, 2002; and

U.S. Patent No. 4,830,024 (NASHNER et al.), issued May 16, 1989.

Applicants note that any documents cited in the Search Report, but not listed herein, have previously been provided to the Office.

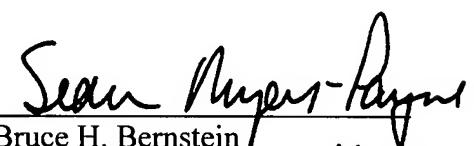
Copies of the above-listed documents and the Supplementary Search Report for European Application No. EP 03 73 6265 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to partially waive the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (iii), copies of the U.S. Patents and published U.S. Patent Application cited above are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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